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REMARKS                     

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1. The following information on the 17th Inf Regt in MIEDZYRZECZ (O 53/W 53) was secured.

a. Subordination: 5th Inf Div                     

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c. Officers:

Regt CO: Maj LEONTOWICZ

Dpty CO: (Political Education):  
Capt OSTROWSKI

C/S: Maj LAWKOWICZ, born in 1922

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Bn: Capt Franciszek CYTRICKI.

2. The following was known on the organization of a Polish infantry regiment:

a. Composition: Two infantry battalions

One artillery battalion with one 80-mm mortar battery and one 120-mm mortar battery

One headquarters company

One supply company

b. Composition of an infantry battalion:

Three rifle companies

One machine gun company.

c. Composition of a rifle company: Two rifle platoons

One submachine gun platoon.

A rifle company numbered 2 officers, 4 NCOs, 3 acting NCOs and 54 SM.

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 Comment:

a. Newspapers of June 1948 indicated that an infantry regiment was stationed in MIEDZYRZECZ. It was assumed that this regiment was assigned to the POZNAN infantry division, which assumption is corroborated by the identification of the 17th Inf Regt in MIEDZYRZECZ. According to previous information, this regiment is a component unit of the 5th Inf Div which was identified in POZNAN in June 1949 \*.

b. There is no recent information available with which to compare the reported organization of a Polish infantry regiment. Although the reported organizational structure of an infantry regiment deviates from information of 1948, it appears credible in view of the repeatedly reported reduction in strength of Polish army units. The personnel of a peacetime infantry regiment was previously reported to number 905 \*\*. This figure, seemingly too low at that time, is now considered probable in view of the above report.

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